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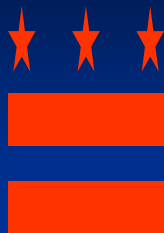
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Enriched by Diversity; United as One Community



THE API CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

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PROCLAMATION MAY 2006 — ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of May has been designated to honor the Asian and Pacific American Heritage, as proclaimed in Congress by Joint Resolution 540 and later by House Joint Resolution 1007, and this national observance has been celebrated for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the District's Asian and Pacific Americans represent a most diverse ethnic community whose members come from a wide variety of cultural, religious, and political backgrounds, speak dozens of different languages or dialects, and have interwoven their traditions and heritages into the ethnic fabric of this city; and

WHEREAS, the District's Chinatown, established more than a century ago, symbolizes the history and contributions of early immigrants from Asia, and the city has since opened its arms to an increasing number of immigrants from China, the Philippines, India, Vietnam, Korea, Japan, and so many other nations; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia continuously strives to ensure that government programs and services are fully accessible to the District's rapidly growing Asian and Pacific American population, regardless of English language proficiency, through such measures as the Language Access Act of 2003; and

WHEREAS, during this month, many community members, organizations and government agencies will celebrate and recognize the contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans to the political, social, economic, and cultural diversity of this city:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2006, as "**ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**" in Washington, DC, and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in saluting the Asian and Pacific American community.

Anthony A. Williams
Mayor, District of Columbia

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH



DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is organizing the **ImmigrASIAN Fair** and the **Annual Asian Heritage Month Celebration** on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library (MLK Jr.) in downtown DC. These events are organized to provide free information and services to the Asian and Pacific Islander community and to commemorate the rich Asian Heritage.

During the **ImmigrASIAN Fair**, which is cosponsored by DC Public Library and Amerigroup, health professionals will be available to provide free health screening services such as allergy, diabetes, dental, hearing, HIV, and optical examinations. Arrangements are being made for cooking and child seat safety demos. Several dozen vendors participating from both private and public sectors will be available to answer questions relating to health, immigration, social security, and other human services. A legal clinic will be held throughout the event to provide free legal services to whoever needs them.



In the evening, the **DC Mayor's Annual Asian Heritage Month Celebration** will be highlighted by wonderful cultural performances from different Asian countries. Awards will be given to individuals who are extraordinarily dedicated to serving the District's API community. Candidates representing the API community, youth, community based organizations and DC government will be nominated to the API Commission during the month of April and winner selection will be made in early May. All nominees will be recognized at the eve. A most popular part of the celebration is the delicious ethnic cuisines prepared by our community restaurants.



The Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs in conjunction with the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs are hosting their **annual photo exhibition** at the Chinese Community Cultural Center (CCCC). CAPIA came up with the theme for this year: *Our Community, Our Culture*. YouthS from around the city will be taking pictures of their lives, customs, family and surroundings. The exhibit will run from May 15 – May 31, 2006 at CCCC from Tuesday to Saturday, **10AM – 4PM**. To reach CCCC, you may call 202-628-1688. For more information about this exhibition, please contact Neel Saxena at neel.saxena@dc.gov.

All three events are free, open to the general public, and expect a large number of participants. OAPIA is looking for many volunteers to help out. Anyone interested can contact Ngoc Trinh at ngoc.trinh@dc.gov or (202)727-3120.



MAYOR'S ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Free event!

Free event!

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library

901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

Metro Station: Red Line, Gallery Place/Chinatown Exit

(9th and G Street Intersection)



ImmigrAsian Fair

10:00AM-3:00PM

*Don't miss out on important health screenings
and information from government and
different organizations !*



Tasty appetizers and refreshments
will be available!

HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

5:30PM-8:00PM

Community Outstanding Service Awards Ceremony
& Spectacular Cultural Performances



Open Tuesday - Sunday!

PHOTO EXHIBITION

"Our Culture, Our Community"

Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC)

May 15 to May 31, 2006 (10:00AM-4:00PM)

616 H St. NW Washington, DC.

For more information, please call (202) 727-3120 or visit www.apia.dc.gov

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ATTEND AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF:

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Meet Representatives From Community Organizations and Government Agencies



INFORMATION INCLUDES:

Free Legal Counseling
Crime Victim Compensation Program Information
Educational Resources
Health Information & Resources
Housing Information
And MANY OTHERS!!

ASIAN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN:

**CANTONESE
KOREAN
MANDARIN
VIETNAMESE**



ImmigrASIAN Fair

***“PROMOTING ASIAN
IMMIGRANT SUCCESS”***

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006

10:00AM - 3:00PM

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(MLK) Memorial Library**

901 G Street, NW

Washington, DC 20001

Metro Station: Red Line – Gallery Place/
Chinatown Exit (9th and G Street Intersection)

For more information, please call (202) 727-3120
or MLK Technology Division (202) 727-1175.



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HISTORY OF ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN MONTH

The origin of Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month was dated back to 1976, when Jeanie Jew, President of the Organization of Chinese American Women, contacted government officials after realizing that Asian Pacific stories and representation were excluded from the U.S. bicentennial celebrations that same year. A year later, a bill to call upon the President to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian Pacific Heritage week was passed in both the House and the Senate in 1977. The Asian Heritage was first celebrated in the United States in May 1979 after the joint resolution was signed by President Carter in October 1978.

The recognition started to become a month long event in 1992, when President George H. W. Bush signed the law permanently designating May as Asian Heritage Month Celebration. The purpose of the law was to honor the achievement of Asian Pacific Americans and to recognize their contributions to the United States. The law was unanimously supported by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

You might wonder why May was chosen for the celebration and not any other month of the year. It is because of several reasons: May was the month when the Japanese first came to America (May 1843). May also marked the completion of the transcontinental railroad in May 1869. The majority of those who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

The Asian Heritage month, the common experiences of many Asian Pacific American and their rich diversity, have been celebrated annually in May with lots of community festivals, government sponsored functions and educational activities for both students and the general public.

Sources: www.infoplease.com,
www.diversityhotwire.com and www3.kumc.edu)

MPD MEETS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) met with ten Community Based Organizations (CBOs) serving Limited English Proficient and Non-English Proficient residents, along with OAPIA, Asian Liaison Unit, Office on Latino Affairs, and Latino Liaison Unit. This was the first meeting this year held by the Joint Operations Command Center where various MPD officials and contractors gave short presentations and opened the discussion for questions & answers.

During the session, MPD provided an informational packet that contained a listing of all language certified sworn and civilian officers and MPD's statement on immigration. The listing can be useful when addressing concerns in the various Wards by identifying which officers patrol those wards and seeking their assistance. MPD also briefed the CBOs on their immigration stance which is that they do not inquire about citizenship or residency status for the purpose of enforcing civil immigration laws, but do accompany Federal Immigration Authorities for safety purposes.

MPD also informed the participants of their newest division, Research and Resource Development, where CBOs can request data and information on the crimes in their area and map the locations by race and ethnicity. MPD reviews this data daily but this could prove useful for CBOs addressing safety issues. MPD also has a Latino Advisory Committee that provides guidance to MPD on issues relating to the Latino community. Currently, there is no such Committee for the API community; however MPD is committed to working with the API community for a safer environment.

MPD will continue to host community meetings in an effort to develop a relationship with the CBOs. The Language Access Coordinator for MPD is Enrique Rivera and he can be reached at Enrique.rivera@dc.gov. The Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs will continue to work with DC Agencies to connect CBOs with government services.

Job Openings

Below is a listing of job openings in the District of Columbia Government.

To apply for jobs, please visit the DC Office of Personnel at www.dcop.dc.gov.

OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

HEARING EXAMINER

DS-12 \$50,336-\$64,855

DUTIES: The District of Columbia Office of Human Rights seeks an attorney who will serve as a full-time termed hearing examiner at the Commission on Human Rights. The term is subject to renewal. The successful candidate will preside over administrative "trial-type" hearings involving discrimination cases filed under the District's Human Rights Act of 1977. Duties include: ruling on pre-hearing matters, researching all appropriate law and drafting Proposed decision and orders in the name of the Commission. The successful candidate must have knowledge of federal and local equal opportunity laws, strong oral and written skills, strong analytical skills, and basic knowledge of computers.

TO APPLY: For consideration, please send your resume and a writing sample to:

Cornelius R. Alexander, Jr., Esq.
Chief Hearing Examiner
Commission on Human Rights
441 4th Street, N.W.-Suite 290
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 727-0656
Fax: (202) 727-3781
E-Mail: neil.alexander@dc.gov
www.ohr.dc.gov

DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS—OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

PARENT PARTNERSHIP OFFICER, EG-1701-15

SALARY RANGE: \$72,498 - \$93,441

DUTIES: Directs and coordinates all activities of program components (viz. the establishment of parent-partnership centers in each school, the direction of an information clearinghouse in each school, writing and publishing periodic newsletters and conducting and interpreting regular surveys, designing and conducting regularly occurring parent training sessions), and mediating conflict between parents and school staffs to assure that parents are actively and positively involved throughout the local school program;

TO APPLY: Send a D.C. Government Employment Application (DC 2000) and/ or a current resume citing vacancy announcement #06-OOA-010 to:

District of Columbia Public Schools, Office of Human Resources
ATTN: Recruitment Services
825 North Capitol Street, N.E., 6th floor
Washington, D.C. 20002.

For all DCPS employees, please include your current grade level and step on the application/resume. For additional vacancies, visit the DCPS home page at www.k12.dc.us. Phone: (202) 442-4080, Fax: (202) 442-5519. Applications/resumes must be postmarked by the closing date and arrive within five (5) working days after the closing date.

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FUNDING ALERTS

eNewsletter, May 2006

FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES

Special Issue Resource Centers for Information and Technical Assistance. *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to strengthen existing support systems serving battered women, their children and other victims of domestic violence; provide comprehensive information and resource development assistance, policy development, technical assistance and training designed to prevent domestic violence and enhance the organizational and community response to domestic violence. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is June 5, 2006. Approximately \$4,715,250 is available to fund 4 awards, up to \$1,178,812. For further information, contact William D. Riley at (202) 401-5529 or wriley@acf.hhs.gov; or go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-EV-0128.html>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO12372. Please go to <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, Select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply. GrantID: GD1174

Technical Assistance to ORR Funded Refugee Programs and Services to Asylees. *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to provide technical assistance to agencies that serve refugees in the following priority areas: refugee based Mutual Assistance Associations (MAAs), Voluntary Agencies, and organizations assisting or working with refugee communities; Employment Services; English Language Training and Service Programs; Refugee Economic Development Activities/Programs; Promote Citizenship and Civic Participation; and Special Initiatives for Community Resettlement. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, state governments, nonprofit, faith-based, and community based organizations. The deadline for applications is June 2, 2006. Approximately \$1,601,404 is available to fund 7 awards up to \$300,000. For further information, contact Laura Gauer at (202) 401-1312 or lgauer@acf.hhs.gov; or go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACFORR-RB-0112.html>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, Select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply. GrantID: GD1173

Women's Business Center Program. *Small Business Administration* announces funds to provide counseling, training and other technical assistance to women who want to start or expand businesses. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is May 17, 2006. Approximately \$12,500,000 is available to fund 16 awards up to \$150,000. A match is required. For further information, contact Sally Murrell at (202) 205-6673 or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=8982&mode=VIEW>. GrantID: GD1171

Women's Business Center Sustainability Program. *Small Business Administration* announces funds to continue providing counseling, training and other technical assistance to women who want to start or expand businesses. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is May 18, 2006. Approximately \$12,500,000 is available to fund 13 awards up to \$125,000. A match is required. For further information, contact Sally Murrell at (202) 205-6673 or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=8983&mode=VIEW>. GrantID: GD1172

DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

Crime Victims Assistance Grant (VOCA). *Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, Office of Victim Services* announces funds to support system and community-based programs that serve crime victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and underserved populations such as victims of: federal crimes, drunk drivers, assault, robbery, gang violence, hate and bias crimes, bank robbery, economic exploitation and fraud, elder abuse, survivors of homicide victims, victims that are disabled, and non-English speaking victims. Eligible applicants include special district governments and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is May 26, 2006, at 12:01 p.m. The Request for Applications is available for pick up at the Office of Victim Services in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 327, Washington, DC 20004. For further information, contact Iris Crenshaw at (202) 442-4936 or iris.crenshaw@dc.gov; or go to: <http://www.opgd.dc.gov>. GrantID: GD1170

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Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

(JAG) Program. *Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, Office of Justice Grants Administration* announces funds to support a range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. Eligible applicants include faith-based and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is May 26, 2006, at 12:01 p.m. Approximately \$1,624,491 is available. The Request for Applications is available for pick up at the Office of Justice Grants Administration in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 327, Washington, DC 20004. For further information, contact Phyllis McKinney at (202) 727-1700 or phyllis.mckinney@dc.gov; or go to: <http://www.opgd.dc.gov>. GrantID: GD1167

The Services Training Officers Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant *Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, Office of Victim Services* announces funds to encourage collaborative efforts between members of law enforcement, prosecution, judiciary, and victim service agencies and to address the issues of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and dating violence. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is May 26, 2006. The Request for Applications is available for pick up at the Office of Victim Services in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 327, Washington, DC 20004. For further information, contact Iris Crenshaw at (202) 442-4936 or iris.crenshaw@dc.gov; or go to: <http://www.opgd.dc.gov>. GrantID: GD1166

Title II Juvenile Justice Grant. *Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, Office of Justice Grants Administration* announces funds to assist in delinquency prevention, efforts to ensure that minority youth do not have disproportionate contact with the juvenile justice system, advocacy focused on improving services for and protecting the rights of youth affected by the juvenile justice system and aftercare services for youth leaving the juvenile justice system. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is May 26, 2006, at 12:01 p.m. The Request for Applications is available for pick up at the Office of Justice Grants Administration in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 327, Washington, DC 20004. For further information, contact Compton Douglas at (202) 727-6552 or compton.douglas@dc.gov; or go to: <http://www.opgd.dc.gov>. GrantID: GD1169

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

State Education Office, FY 2006 Teacher Quality Improvement Grant Program, May 9, 2006, at 4:00 p.m.

Department of Human Services/Income Maintenance Administration, Mini-Subgrants to Small Non-Profit Community-Based Organizations, May 10, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.

Department of Human Services, Community Services Block Grant Program, May 18, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.

Department of Human Services, Out-of-School Time Services for Children from Limited English Proficient Asian and African Newcomer Communities, May 19, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.

Department of Health (DOH)/ Primary Care and Prevention Administration (PCPA), Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant for FY06, May 19, 2006, at 4:45 p.m.

Department of Human Services (DHS)/Income Maintenance Administration (IMA), FY 2006 Teen Pregnancy Prevention and a Social Marketing Campaign, May 31, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.

Office of the Secretary, Escheated Estates Fund, June 30, September 29, and December 28, 2006.

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

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Youth Baseball Programs. *The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF)* announces funds to promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, and the purchase of uniforms and equipment to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game. Grants are designed to be sufficiently flexible to enable applicants to address needs unique to their communities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2006. Approximately \$1,500,000 is available to fund 30 awards, up to \$51,000. For further information, contact BTF at BTF@mlb.com ; or go to: http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp?content=about. GrantID: GD1177

Youth Projects. *Youth Venture* announces funds to support young people (ages 12-20) who have a dream or identify a need in their school or community, develop an idea and then, with a team, launch their own community-minded organizations to address that dream or need. Each venture team must have an Ally (a caring adult) who advises the team. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, faith, and community-based organizations, and individuals. There is no deadline date for applications. For further information, go to: <http://www.youthventure.org/index.php?tg=articles&d06final.pdf>.

RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report on Nonprofit Leadership. *CompassPoint Nonprofit Services and the Meyer Foundation* have released a new report on nonprofit executive leadership – Daring to Lead 2006. For the report, almost 2,000 executive directors from community-based groups in eight major cities, including DC, were surveyed. The findings are organized under five different headings: executives plan to leave their jobs within five years; boards of directors and funders contribute to executive burnout; executives believe they make significant financial sacrifices to lead nonprofits; executives seek new skills and strategies for organizational sustainability; and bench strength, diversity, and competitive compensation are critical factors in finding future leaders. To find out more about these findings and the recommendations to executives, boards of directors, funders, and capacity builders, go to: http://www.compasspoint.org/assets/194_daringtolead06final.pdf.

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